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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Madam or Sir:

The following information and attached material are submitted for the Examiner's consideration relative to one or more of the claims in the above-identified application. Form PTO-1449 and a copy of each item listed thereon are attached.

Also attached is a copy of the German International Search Report from the PCT patent application and an English language version thereof to explain the relevance of the citations therein as per MPEP 609A(3). In reviewing the search report, it should be noted that the U.S. claim numbering is different from the corresponding German application, generally as follows:

U.S. Claim

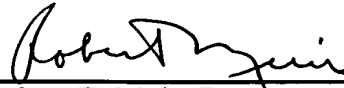
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It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure §609. If for some reason the examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be called so that any deficiencies can be remedied.

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